



# City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL 60432

## Memo

**File #:** TMP-1843

**Agenda Date:** 6/11/2021

**TO:** James V. Capparelli, City Manager

**FROM:** Greg Blaskey, Fire Chief

**DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department

**SUBJECT:**  
Fire Recovery USA

**PURPOSE:**  
A strategy to provide additional revenue. to support organizational mission.

**FACTS:**

- a. The Joliet Fire Department responds to approximately 22,000 calls for service annually, with 18,000 EMS responses and 4,000 fire related responses. The cost of providing service to the citizens of Joliet is ever increasing and new efficiencies and revenues are required to provide mission goals.
- b. The Joliet Fire Department currently bills for EMS responses through Andres Medical Billing, a third-party vendor who has provided quality service to Joliet for the past 13 years. The current billing generates approximately 5.6 million dollars in revenue for the City of Joliet.
- c. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, by Council action, the City of Joliet entered in an agreement with Fire Recovery USA to provide billing services for additional services performed on EMS responses as well as non-EMS responses. Ordinance 18141 was enacted to amend Ch. 8, Art. IV, Sec. 8-290 of the Code of Ordinances.
- d. Fire Recovery USA will bill for services as outlined in Schedule A (see attached). It is estimated that the City of Joliet will receive an additional \$150-300 thousand dollars annually.

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Submitted To: CM J. Capparelli  
Submittal Date: 01.14.2021

Enclosures:  
Ordinance 18141  
Service Agreement Fire Recovery  
Schedule A - List of services